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DEAR READERS:— It seems especially fitting that this last number of the year come to you with reports of work done. You cannot be thoroughly interested unless you know about the fields in which our representatives are being employed, and understand methods being adopted at home. In order that the best educational results may follow our annual meeting we have arranged that it may repeat itself in hundreds of Auxiliary meetings all over the land. Please read it all carefully. Note the names of the officers. Read the communications from India and home fields just as you do letters that come from members of your family from whom you have been long separated. Then you will be ready to go to the meeting of the Auxiliary and discuss the questions with lively interest. Material for a public meeting may also be gathered from these reports. There are too few of these public missionary meetings in which our work is talked about as a family affair. We give you only the reports, with questions for Auxiliary meeting, in this number, because we want you to feel their importance and be sure to gather help therefrom, as you might not if the reports were attached as a supplement to the ordinary reading matter. Let us all study the work of the past year with an earnest purpose to see and remedy defects and to be encouraged by and emulate our successes.

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OF THE
FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

PRESENTED AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING AT BROOKLYN,
N. Y., OCTOBER, 1890.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

MINUTES.

The Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, in response to the call of the recording secretary, met in annual session in the First Free Baptist church, corner of Marcy Ave. and Keap St., Brooklyn (Eastern Division), N. Y., Oct. 8, 1890, at 7.30 o'clock P. M. The meeting, having been preceded by a short praise and prayer service led by Mrs. J. S. Copp of Michigan, was called to order by the president, Mrs. J. B. Davis. In absence of the recording secretary, Mrs. C. A. Ricker of Rhode Island was elected secretary *pro tem*.

After singing by the church choir, Miss E. Colley of Vermont offered prayer.

Records for the year were read and approved.

Report of the home secretary East read by Mrs. Porter and accepted.

Report of the home secretary West read by Miss E. Evans and accepted.

Mrs. Lewis Dexter of New Hampshire very sweetly sang "Tell It Again."

The report of the corresponding secretary was read and accepted.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted. The hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee," was sung by the choir.

It was voted that the nominating committee be appointed by the chair, and the following named ladies were so appointed, Mrs. M. R. Wade of Maine, Mrs. L. Dexter of New Hampshire, Mrs. Z. Hatch of Massachusetts, Mrs. J. S. Copp of Michigan, and Mrs. J. A. Hooper of Rhode Island.

Mrs. E. S. Burlingame of Rhode Island delivered the annual address, which was filled with facts in regard to the Christian's responsibility as relating to the questions of the day; the need of such entire consecration to God's service as shall prove that Christianity applied shall show that Christ's followers are, as he said of them, the salt of the earth; of being sure God is leading us, not only in our own mission work, but in every way, to show others the way of purity in life,—physically, mentally, spiritually,—having our own lives so impressed by the stamp of God's image on our hearts that we are willing to do all we can to help others "who are without" to seek and find him. Speaking of the many who are thronging our shores from foreign lands, of their great needs and our great privileges—that we so live that we may be able to say to them like one of old to her sister, "The Master is come and calleth for thee."

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by Miss DeMeritte at request of the board:

Whereas, As a result of the discussion of the question of the union of our denominational benevolent interests, some women seem to be relinquishing their efforts and contributions in behalf of the Woman's Missionary Society, we call special attention to the fact that our missionaries, zenana teachers, Bible women, Orphanage, Western work, and Storer College must continue to be supported by the Woman's Missionary Society, and that the work of Auxiliary societies and children's bands must be a necessary part of our missionary educational work for years to come. Therefore,

Resolved, That we favor a systematic effort by our Board, Associations, and Yearly Meetings to meet the increased

demands upon our treasury, which were never so great as now.

Resolved, That we establish a department of "Practical Christian Living," the aim of which shall be to give a broader outlook into woman's relations to herself, the home, the church, and to the world.

Resolved, That Mrs. E. S. Burlingame be invited to take the superintendency of this department, visiting churches, Quarterly Meetings, and Yearly Meetings for the purpose of forming Auxiliaries and children's bands and bringing to the attention of the women the gospel of a broader physical, mental, and spiritual culture.

Resolved, That the salary be fixed by the board.

Resolved, That the committee on nomination of officers is hereby instructed to add another to the list of home secretaries, who shall be the secretary of the Children's Department.

It was moved and carried to lay the resolutions on the table for further consideration.

All joined in singing heartily "The Morning Light is Breaking."

Adjourned to 9 o'clock, Thursday A. M., in the vestry of the church. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Cheney.

Adjourned Meeting.

The society met according to adjournment. The president in the chair. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Z. Hatch of Massachusetts. Records of society read and approved. Records of the board for the year read and approved.

The resolutions relative to methods of sustaining and advancing our work were called from the table, read, and adopted.

Report of the agent of the MISSIONARY HELPER read and approved.

Report of the publication committee read and accepted.

Mrs. Porter having attended to the duty assigned her presented the following resolutions:

Whereas, The need is apparent for a large increase in subscriptions for the MISSIONARY HELPER, therefore,

Resolved, That the president of each Yearly Meeting and Association be requested to district her section and assign to each Auxiliary or church an increase of at least one-half in the number of HELPERS now taken.

Resolved also, That each president shall report to our agent by Jan. 1, 1891, the outcome and success of her effort up to that date.

The reading was followed by discussion, after which the resolution was adopted.

Report of committee on "Missionary Reminiscences" read and adopted.

The report of the home secretary for the Interior was accepted without reading.

The committee on nominations reported the following list of officers (see page 398 of Report).

Voted, That Mrs. J. Burnham Davis be elected president.

Voted, That Mrs. J. A. Lowell be elected corresponding secretary.

Voted, That Mrs. A. B. Tourtellot be elected recording secretary.

Voted, That Miss L. A. DeMeritte be elected treasurer.

Voted, That the remaining officers be elected as nominated.

Remarks by Mrs. Copp and others on the union question were listened to.

Voted, To adopt the following: That the treasurer is hereby empowered to receive bequests and to perform all necessary duties in connection with bequests in the name of and for the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society.

Voted, That Mrs. A. A. McKenney, Mrs. H. C. Keith, and Mrs. F. L. Durgin be appointed a western committee.

Adjourned.

CLARA A. RICKER,

Recording Secretary pro tem.

REPORT OF FOREIGN SECRETARY.

INDIA.

MIDNAPORE. — ZENANA WORK, RAGGED SCHOOLS, BIBLE WOMEN.

Miss L. C. Coombs reports : —

The money expended through the year has supported twenty women teachers, five Bible women, with ten older women to accompany them when necessary, thirteen male teachers, and the inspector of the Ragged Schools ; in all, forty-nine persons. The roll number at the close of the year for both zenanas and schools is 661.

It is a cause of regret to find so large a deficit at the end of the year, and there seems no remedy for this but retrenchment. But it is no easy task to close work which is going on as satisfactorily as the most of this is. Of course I shall close that which seems the least urgent.

The sudden fall in exchange is sadly felt in our funds, and unless the contributions from home increase, much work must necessarily stop. The " Silver Bill " may be all right in Washington, but its effects are anything but pleasing in Midnapore.

With the exception of two weeks in Calcutta, trips to Yearly and Quarterly Meetings, and one trip at Christmas time, to Palasbani, I have spent the year in Midnapore. I had hoped to make a trip to outside villages, in company with Nellie Phillips, during the cold season, but medical duties preventing her, we had to give it up.

We are anticipating, with no little pleasure, the return of Mary Bachelor. I confess I am selfishly anxious for her arrival, for then I hope to make over to her the zenana work, and thus be able to be more efficient myself in the schools and with the Bible women.

This work requires stores of faith and patience, for we are not able to see the results. We simply have to hope they will show themselves in the future. We do see results of a kind, the acquired knowledge, the kindly spirit, the increased interest. But the result toward which all our work aims—the acceptance of Christ—must come later on as the children become men and women; and as the women have the support of less bigoted husbands and fathers.

I am sorry to report the discontinuance of the Girls' English School. In November last, Miss Smith had a severe attack of pneumonia, which left her so prostrated as to be unable to resume her work. The almost utter impossibility of finding a proper person to take her place, combined with the state of the funds, induced me to close the school. It was a great disappointment, and I can but hope that the former patrons of the school may interest themselves in establishing something of the kind again.

FUNDS RECEIVED AND EXPENDED FOR ZENANAS, RAGGED SCHOOLS, AND BIBLE WOMEN, FROM JULY 1, 1889, TO JULY 1, 1890.

| RECEIPTS. | Rs. | A. | P. | EXPENDITURES. | Rs. | A. | P. |
|------------------------------|------|----|----|---------------------------|------|----|----|
| Bal. in hand, July 1, 1889.. | 98 | 13 | | Zenana teachers..... | 847 | 7 | 6 |
| Gov't grant-in-aid..... | 975 | | | Ragged School teachers.. | 1191 | 2 | 6 |
| Subscrip. in Midnapore... | 72 | | | Bible Women..... | 281 | 13 | 6 |
| Fees from zenana pupils.. | 28 | 2 | 6 | Inspector of Rag. Schools | 122 | 12 | 9 |
| From Mr. and Mrs. Stiles.. | 30 | | | Bullock garries..... | 407 | 7 | 9 |
| “ Mrs. Arrakiel..... | 2 | | | Horse garry..... | 106 | 7 | 9 |
| “ Mr. J. Bhattacharjee | 10 | | | Repairs on everything... | 88 | 10 | 6 |
| “ A Friend, Calcutta.. | 10 | | | Harness..... | 20 | | |
| Appro. from W. M. S..... | 1087 | 1 | 6 | Taxes..... | 15 | 8 | |
| Spec. through Par. Board.. | 619 | 1 | 6 | Christmas..... | 28 | 13 | 6 |
| Things sold..... | 4 | 15 | 3 | Prizes..... | 17 | 2 | 6 |
| Deficit July 1, 1890.... | 285 | 9 | 6 | Sundries..... | 5 | 5 | |
| | 3222 | 11 | 3 | | 3222 | 11 | 3 |

BIBLE AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

Miss Butts writes :—

As heretofore, my time has been chiefly occupied with teaching in the Bible School, and occasionally visiting a few zenanas.

When Mrs. Stiles went to Bhimpore, the superintendence of the Industrial School came into my hands.

This year, there is a larger number of young men and boys in the Bible School than formerly, and I now have, daily, three classes in English.

For various reasons, the number of women and girls in this school is less than last year. Several finished the course last October, and are now employed as teachers in zenanas, or day schools. The wives of the two young men who graduated last year are no longer in school. One, the wife of Pellaram Kiscoo, pastor of the Bhimpore church, was a very interesting pupil, and though unable to complete the course, we hope she will not forget what she did learn.

None of the young men who have entered the Bible School during the past two years are married, so the Woman's Department has not been increased from this source. At present there are five regular pupils, besides two others who come to my arithmetic class.

In the Industrial School are Christian, Hindu, Moham-
medan, and a few Santal boys. Many Hindu and Moham-
medan parents are quite willing to send their children to a free Mission school, but they do not want them to become Chris-
tians. If a pupil were to show evidence of being really influ-
enced by the religious teaching he receives, he would be
promptly removed from the school. Some of the more igno-
rant are so superstitious that they believe missionaries try to
make Christians by giving some magically prepared drink, or
by the exercise of some other occult power. A Hindu recently
took his boy from the Industrial School for fear we should
make him a Christian in this way. No doubt some Brah-
min made the man believe this nonsense in order to get the
boy out of a Christian school.

At present many influential Hindus and Mohammedans are
trying to arouse the people to a sense of the evils likely to arise
from allowing their children to attend Christian schools. One

result of this agitation in Midnapore is that a wealthy Moham-
medan has just opened a boys' school not far from us, and
this has drawn away a number of our pupils. This alarm on
the part of Hindus and Mohammedans only proves that they
realize that Christianity is surely making progress.

All the pupils in the Industrial School have regular lessons
in the Bible and Catechism; and the older ones commit to
memory the temperance catechism compiled by Miss Nellie
Phillips.

We are encouraged to believe that this Christian instruction
will bear fruit. Indeed, it is already bearing fruit. During
this year a young man who for several years was a pupil of
this school, after two or three years of hesitation, has become
a Christian, and is now doing good work as a teacher in one of
Miss Coombs's Ragged Schools. His wife, his father, and
younger brother and sister, all attend some of our Sunday ser-
vices, and will, we trust, eventually become Christians.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

| RECEIPTS. | Rs. | A. | P. | EXPENDITURES. | Rs. | A. | P. |
|-----------------------------|-----|----|----|---------------------------|-----|----|----|
| Bal. in hand, July 1, 1889. | 64 | 1 | 3 | Teachers' salaries..... | 512 | 12 | 6 |
| From Woman's Board... | 428 | 8 | 9 | Children's pice..... | 49 | 15 | |
| Gov't grant..... | 180 | | | Industrial expenses..... | 47 | 14 | 9 |
| Industrial sales..... | 54 | 5 | | Supplies and repairs..... | 16 | 2 | 9 |
| | | | | Tax | 28 | 7 | |
| | | | | Balance | 71 | 11 | |
| | 726 | 15 | | | 726 | 15 | |

BALASORE.—SINCLAIR GIRLS' ORPHANAGE.

Mrs. D. F. Smith reports:—

There are now thirty-five children belonging to the Orphan-
age. Eight of these are supported by the Foreign Mission
Society, and two others by friends here. This leaves twenty-
five for the Woman's Society to support. During the past year
two have died; so you will perceive that seven have been add-
ed to the number. These seven are all needy cases; just

such as an institution of this kind is intended to succor. One is an infant of eight months, a bright little girl, whom we call Jenny. She takes the place in the hearts of the older children held by dear little Helena Jackson, whose sudden death we noticed last year.

Among most of the children there has been a decided change for the better. Seven have been admitted to the church by baptism. The case of one of these is particularly interesting. She was picked up in the streets of a town about twenty miles from here, by a native Christian gentleman. She had a mother who, loving the ways of sin more than she did her child, abandoned her little one, thus forcing her to beg her bread from door to door. She was sent to me by the babu who had rescued her, with the request that I would receive her into the Orphanage. Very soon after, as we were leaving the church one Sunday morning, I was told by the matron that Katril—the name of the girl—was missing. We found on investigation that she had been taken by a woman to one of the houses in a Hindu bazaar near by, where, unless rescued, her ruin would be the inevitable result. The woman who kept this house had an accomplice living near us, who had marked this child as a promising victim. I took the case to the police, and she was soon found hidden in the corner of a dark room. The next day the case was tried, and, although the woman was not convicted of kidnapping, yet on the testimony of the gentleman who sent the child to me the magistrate ordered her to be returned. She had, however, been so flattered by promises of so many nice things that she returned half reluctantly, and for some weeks I felt great anxiety concerning her. Gradually she became interested in books, work, and play, and when we began to tell her of Christ, and that we wanted her to have his love in her heart, a change seemed to be wrought in her life. Some time after, when, on the occasion of a baptism, she was asked how she felt about it, her answer was, "I am trying to be good, but I am not good. I sometimes feel angry and

think and say bad things. The love of Christ is not always in my heart." A few months after she came to my room and asked me to forgive her all the trouble she had caused me. She said she knew her sins had been forgiven, and she not only loved God, but the love of Christ was in her heart. None who knew her doubted this, and it was indeed a glad sight to see her publicly put on Christ by baptism. I have never seen a clearer case of conversion among this people.

Two of the oldest girls have been suitably married, and one of these, especially, is proving herself an excellent wife and housekeeper, as well as a useful woman in other departments.

The spiritual and temporal welfare of these children is daily, nay, hourly, on my heart, and did I not have the *rest* promised to the "weary and heavy laden," I should surely faint by the way. Having it, I rejoice in the midst of what are, at times, very perplexing cares. The children are not all obedient and good ; but still the lights exceed the shadows, and, thank God, the latter are year by year becoming less.

THE DAY SCHOOL.

This school, which also embraces the Industrial Department, has a good record. The inspector of schools and his subordinates speak in high terms of the institution. It would hardly be modest in me to quote from their entries in the visitors' book, but it is a cause for gratitude that they can see and appreciate the fruits of Christian schools. Babu Shyam Chum Mohapatree has for many years been at the head of the teaching staff. Though not by any means a brilliant man, he is a hard-working and faithful teacher, as well as an exemplary Christian. Sumuttie Surela Paul, the assistant, divides her time between the two departments, and is the most efficient assistant I have had ; but as she is an unmarried woman, native opinion will not admit of her being left alone ; so unless some one comes to stay on the premises, I cannot take even a short holi-

day,—and unbroken weeks, of the kind required in an Indian Girls' School, become very exhausting. •

Last year, soon after my report was sent, the doctor ordered a month's complete rest. The month not proving sufficient for my recuperation I was not allowed to return to my work till December, almost four months from the time I left.

Two persons seem to be required in this Orphanage, but a good deal of extra work can be done, as the whole time of two is not necessary in connection with it.

Very little has been earned by the Industrial Department, and I see no way in which this can be managed and the best good of the children secured. If work be engaged from outside, it is usually required in a hurry, and this interferes with the hours of study; and if contract work can be found, it is not of a kind that will be required in their homes after leaving school. I observed the working of this department in several institutions last year, and came home re-affirmed in my opinion that the course adopted in this school is the best for it. Sale can be had for such garments as are worn by the better class of native people, and to learn to cut and sew these neatly will always be useful; but the proceeds are very slightly above the price of material. Fancy work is taught a little, but only such kinds as are likely to find a ready sale. Greater attention is given to cooking than formerly, with very gratifying results.

A new department has been added—the Sude Crunta training school for teachers; and a special pundit employed. The teacher's salary is paid in part by fees and in part by the Hanscom legacy. This supplies a long-felt need.

The wall to inclose dormitories, cook-room, etc., is more than half completed, and that on the side where it was most needed. As there is no more money at present for carrying on the work, we wait awhile. I ought to be an adept in waiting, after nearly forty years of Indian experience; but to my discomfort, the Western push ingrained in my nature comes to the surface quite too often.

There is a small deficit that I must report, but more than enough is due on last year's accounts to meet this.

One cannot look back without the feeling that more might have been accomplished ; but we find comfort in the thought that the Master whom we serve is merciful. Thus we enter hopefully on the work of another year.

MRS. D. F. SMITH'S ACCOUNT WITH THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY, for 1889-90.

| RECEIPTS. | DR. | | | CR. | | |
|---|------|----|----|------|----|----|
| | Rs. | A. | P. | Rs. | A. | P. |
| Support of children and day school..... | | | | 745 | 10 | |
| Salary of Assistant..... | | | | 437 | 7 | |
| W. M. Society, Estherville, Iowa, for support of Bible Women..... | | | | 37 | | |
| F. M. Treasurer for their orphans..... | | | | 246 | | |
| Miss Butts for Harriman..... | | | | 36 | 4 | |
| Miss Taylor for Chundri..... | | | | 39 | | |
| Miss Phillips for Bemolla..... | | | | 22 | 10 | |
| Repairs on buildings..... | | | | 71 | 7 | 6 |
| Boarders in Orphanage..... | | | | 12 | 12 | |
| Donation from Mrs. Stiles..... | | | | 10 | | |
| Rent from F. M. Treasurer..... | | | | 240 | | |
| Proceeds of work in Industrial School..... | | | | 21 | 2 | |
| For fencing and dormitories..... | | | | 326 | 12 | 7 |
| Government grant-in-aid..... | | | | 420 | | |
| EXPENDITURES. | | | | | | |
| Balance from last year..... | 51 | | 3 | | | |
| Support of children..... | 1126 | 2 | 9 | | | |
| Salaries of teachers, including Assistant..... | 732 | 5 | | | | |
| Salary of one Bible woman..... | 60 | | | | | |
| Books, papers, and working materials..... | 25 | 2 | | | | |
| Aid to poor children in day school..... | 38 | 2 | | | | |
| Annual repairs on buildings..... | 71 | | | | | |
| Fencing and dormitories previously expended..... | 326 | 12 | 7 | | | |
| Expended on wall..... | 240 | | | | | |
| Carriage hire..... | 32 | | | | | |
| | | | | 2702 | 8 | 7 |
| | | | | 36 | 5 | 6 |

* Not included in this account, but reported elsewhere, are Rs. 4841 from the I. F. N. Society, England, for salaries and carriage hire for Bible women, and Rs. 125—12 —1 from O. F. Hill, Esq., Northwood, N. H., for salaries of Jacobus and Caroline.

ZENANA WORK.

Miss Nellie Phillips writes :—

The Balasore zenana work employs ten teachers. The present number of pupils is one hundred and fifty.

The chief change made during the past year has been to close—with the approval of the Government inspector—Saturday's work, and substitute, in place of it, a teachers' normal class which occupies two hours Saturday afternoon.

Six days of outside work had been very hard to the teachers, all of whom have family cares, and left them insufficient time for either home duties or for such studies as are necessary for the proper carrying on of their work. With the present arrangement, they have a few extra hours at home ; and the time spent in the drill class has proved a positive help to them as teachers.

The high price of food during the past two years has given me a reasonable excuse for remitting the fees of some of the pupils ; and the result has been that they have continued months longer than would have been the case, had I insisted on the pice with which a Hindu parts so reluctantly. In fact, the matter of fees continues to be perplexing. We try to insist on pay where pupils belong to well-to-do families, but in doing so it often happens that we lose a bright, interesting pupil because a miserly mother-in-law, husband, or some other relative refuses the pice. Should we decide—for the sake of the pupil—to sacrifice the principle and continue teaching without fees, the word is soon abroad ; another pupil demands the same favor, and we deny it at the risk of losing her. These " shut-ins " of Hindu zenanas are excellent news-gatherers ; and having all their servants and neighbors under tribute, few items of interest in the neighborhood escape them. For these reasons our rules must be as uniform as possible.

I confess often to have felt relieved upon learning that because a new pupil is fatherless, a widow, or very poor, she is

entitled to free instruction, and thus we escape the friction of attempting to collect fees.

Quite recently, we have commenced work among the Brahmo Somaj in a village near Balasore. It is refreshing to teach among people who openly and freely disclaim much that is revolting in Hinduism.

I wish I might report conversions among our zenana pupils; for I know it is this which all desire most to hear. But though I cannot report open conversions, I have daily evidence that the Gospel is winning its way among the occupants of the zenanas. I have no doubt there are those who pray to the one true God, and believe in his Son as their Saviour. Pray much for us, that we may be wise in our efforts to lead many to righteousness.

FUNDS RECEIVED AND EXPENDED FOR BALASORE ZENANA WORK FROM JUNE 30, 1889, to JUNE 30, 1890.

| DR. | Rs. | A. | P. | CR. | Rs. | A. | P. |
|-------------------------|------|----|----|----------------------------|------|----|----|
| Balance | 108 | 10 | 5½ | Woman's Board..... | 316 | 14 | 4 |
| Teachers' salaries..... | 547 | 6 | 9 | Gov't grant-in-aid..... | 300 | | |
| Conveyances..... | 318 | 4 | 3 | Local subscriptions..... | 93 | | |
| Repairs on garries..... | 36 | 2 | 6 | Medical department for | | | |
| Books | 30 | 3 | 3 | use of garry..... | 72 | | |
| Harness | 31 | 6 | | Family for zenana ser- | | | |
| Postage | | 8 | | vants..... | 7 | 9 | 6 |
| | | | | Family for zenana stable.. | 40 | 2 | 9 |
| | | | | Pupils' fees..... | 11 | 4 | |
| | | | | Books | 20 | 9 | 6 |
| | | | | Rent excess..... | 18 | 2 | 1 |
| | | | | "Friend" on deficit..... | 100 | | |
| | | | | Balance..... | 92 | 15 | ¾ |
| | 1072 | 9 | 2½ | | 1072 | 9 | 2½ |

THE GIRLS' SCHOOLS IN BALASORE.

Mrs. Boyer says:—

The Girls' Schools established by Miss Ida O. Phillips were made over to me February last. There are seven schools with a total enrolment of 270. There are twelve teachers, and nine female servants whose duty it is to accompany the little girls to and from school, and keep the schoolrooms clean.

Seven of the teachers are Christian women. The monthly pay roll is Rs. 95 A. 12.

This year, two houses have been newly thatched, and all have been repaired. In one village, the schoolhouse was near the house of a very bad woman. Besides the influence of her example, she constantly gave trouble to the teacher and children during school hours. Finally a babu in the village donated to the school a small house in a far better locality. The old house will be sold as soon as a suitable purchaser can be found.

The schools have sent children, as usual, up to the Vernacular examinations, and these examinations have been fairly successful. The study of the Bible and Catechism has been strictly insisted upon, the results of which have been encouraging.

One school deserves special notice. The pundit, an ambitious and industrious young man, has a class preparing to pass the highest examination in the Vernacular. No Hindu girl in Orissa has ever passed this examination. I have given especial attention to needle work, and hope the results will prove to be favorable at the approaching examinations. There are Sunday-schools in connection with several of the schools. In the others, Saturday is set apart for special religious exercises.

ACCOUNT WITH WOMAN'S BOARD FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1890.

| EXPENDITURES. | DR. | | | CR. | | |
|---|------|----|----|------|----|----|
| | Rs. | A. | P. | Rs. | A. | P. |
| Assistant and garry hire (Mrs. Smith's acc't).... | 40 | 3 | | | | |
| Repairs on houses, thatching, rent..... | 73 | 15 | 8 | | | |
| Industrial work..... | 5 | | | | | |
| Books for poor schools..... | 13 | 5 | 3 | | | |
| Furniture and incidentals..... | 4 | 3 | | | | |
| Prizes..... | 117 | 3 | | | | |
| Postage on notes from Calcutta..... | 1 | | | | | |
| Teachers' salaries..... | 1140 | 10 | 9 | | | |
| Garry hire for four months..... | 32 | | | | | |
| | 1427 | 8 | 8 | | | |
| RECEIPTS. | | | | | | |
| Balance of last year..... | | | | 15 | | 9 |
| Woman's Appropriation..... | | | | 783 | 6 | 4 |
| Gov't grant-in-aid..... | | | | 300 | | |
| Municipal aid..... | | | | 120 | | |
| Stipend from Local Board..... | | | | 60 | | |
| Subscriptions for prizes..... | | | | 44 | 8 | |
| Sale of Sanitary Primers..... | | | | 15 | 13 | 9 |
| " " work..... | | | | | 6 | |
| Garry hire for four months..... | | | | 32 | | |
| | | | | 1431 | 2 | 10 |
| Balance on hand..... | | | | 3 | 10 | 2 |

Mrs. Griffin reports :—

The seventy-five dollars received from the Woman's Society the past year has supported two Bible women, and one teacher in the Russell Memorial School. The other teacher is paid from the Government grant-in-aid.

It has been impossible for me to go with the Bible women much, during the year, both on account of my own children and the increased care and work that comes with the large number of boys now in our boys' Orphanage. Our daughter Mabel has, however, often accompanied them. Two prayer-meetings have been held by them weekly in Hindu houses, in one of which some of the women take part, and a large number seem deeply interested. There are hopeful and also disappointing experiences. One woman, who was converted last year, has suffered much persecution from her husband and mother. She begged us to take her into our Christian village, saying she would do anything to support herself. But this we could not do, as her husband could hold her legally. Her husband would kick her from her knees when she was in prayer, and food was refused her by her mother because she would not worship idols. The Bible women were forbidden to go to their house.

This woman has now joined the Brahmo Somaj, which does not require the breaking of caste, and she is allowed to live in peace. I have seen her but once since, when she begged me, oh, so earnestly, to tell her that this was just the same as Christianity. I said, "No, it is not the same; for though they are right in many things, they have no Saviour." "But Jesus will know I love him," she answered, "I could not live as I was; you can never know what I had to suffer. I dared not kill myself, for you told me God would not save me if I did. You did not protect me, though I begged you so hard to take me. Your women forsook me; and when I was told there was another kind of Christianity, which my husband would allow me to join, I was glad. Is this right?

will I be saved?" I replied, "Cling to Jesus and you will be saved. English law was stronger than we, and we could not protect you. God knows all about it. Love him, cling to him, and you will be saved."

Is there nothing wrong in a law that allows a husband to change his religion without the consent of his wife, and finally to get a divorce, if she refuses to live with him, and yet does not make it possible for a women to pursue the same course? If her husband object, she can never be free from him, though he treat her ever so brutally.

While in Bhudruck, during the cold season, with the Bible women, we came to a high house where the Bible women had been refused entrance. I asked a young man to go in and ask if one who had come a long way to talk to women could not be admitted. He brought us word to enter. Mrs. Ager and the Bible women were with me. Seeing that two of the three women were widows, I turned to the story of the healing of the son of the widow of Nain, explaining as I read this wonderful story of sympathy and love. Then the Bible women sang a sweet hymn written from that narrative. One woman was much affected and asked for a copy of the hymn. They wished the Bible women to often visit them.

The Russell Memorial School has over forty pupils on the roll. Mary is still doing well. One of our orphan boys who taught with her last year has gone to the Bible School, and a boy from the Orphanage who has recently been converted has taken his place.

Pray for your workers.

REPORT OF BIBLE WORK FOR 1889-90.

Mrs. Smith writes :—

There is a great deal to encourage us in this department of our work, and chief among these sources of encouragement is the increased interest on the part of the workers. I doubt not the weekly Bible class has greatly aided this interest. From

the beginning of the year, we have been carefully studying the Epistle to the Hebrews, with the best helps we can get. The constant comparison between the Old and New Testaments has strengthened faith in the wonderful plan of man's redemption. Oftentimes through the mercy of God we get glimpses of what he is doing through this Bible agency. A young man has just been added to our church whose life I have watched from almost the commencement of the Woman's Bible work in Jellasure.

A Hindu woman of good caste came under the influence of the Bible women and very soon gave satisfactory evidence of conversion. She brought with her to our Christian community a boy and a girl; the latter soon after died of malarial fever. The boy, at first very promising, became afterward a cause of great anxiety. After years of fruitless effort I at last induced his mother to put him into our Orphanage, where he would be under more restraint. The result has been most satisfactory. He is an uncommonly intelligent lad of some sixteen years, and we confidently look forward to his doing good service in the Master's vineyard.

Several widows have recently come into our community, and the question of a Bible training school for the more intelligent of such women comes to me with renewed emphasis. This need is our assurance of its accomplishment in due season; for have we not the promise, "My God shall supply all your needs"? Women of this class, whose hearts are warm with the love of Jesus, with a careful training in Bible lore, could not fail to be a power for good among the people with whom they have lived and suffered.

Mariam Curtis reports a most interesting tour far back in the interior where neither missionary nor native preacher had been. As she approached the village she and her companions sat down under a large tree and commenced singing. They were soon surrounded by eager listeners, and invited to the village. When night approached they found shelter on the veranda of

a poor woman's house, where they remained ten days, sometimes working far into the night. In the village were many families in good circumstances, some of whom said, "Why do you stay on this veranda? Come with us, and you shall have food and a good room. Stay with us and tell us all you know of this wonderful new religion."

To these solicitations Marium replied, "The Master whom we serve, when upon earth, had not where to lay his head; we will stay here and tell you all we know about him." Their audiences sometimes numbered more than a hundred; and, with a solitary exception, they were treated with the utmost courtesy and consideration.

One woman reports that on entering a certain village a man met her and asked, with great earnestness, if she could tell him the way to heaven. He said, "I have tried, but tried in vain to find out. I see no light." She replied, "I am the way, the truth, and the life," explaining to him how to find the way. The result was that this man and his family have decided to cast in their lot with the followers of Christ. The women report twelve more cases among the Hindus concerning whom they have hope. To several houses they are accustomed to go, especially for prayer; and they are often asked to teach forms of prayer, which are repeated by the women, who seem coming to the light.

We feel deeply grateful for the help you are sending us; and we rejoice in the thought that we are remembered by you at the Throne of Grace.

Houses visited, 1,065; villages, 272; Bible women supported by the F. T. N. Society, England,—Phulmani, Saiti, Raju, and Marium Curtis; by the East Otisfield and Sumner churches, Maine,—Mehapatree; by O. T. Hill, Northwood Ridge, N. H.,—Caroline Base.

HARPER'S FERRY.

STORER COLLEGE.

Mrs. Lightner writes :—

While one school year is generally very much like another, General Conference, like a brilliant setting for a dull gem, will make the years of 1889 and 1890 to us the brightest of our treasures.

In Myrtle Hall many articles of comfort or decoration were left in the rooms, to cheer the occupants, and remind them of Northern friends. We have also, on the first and second floors, inside shutters, a luxury we had not dreamed of before.

The club system of self-boarding, through the efforts of Mrs. Brewster, was made popular in all the halls; an improvement which we hope will supplant former methods. Mrs. Brewster will long be remembered here, for her active interest in securing many comforts, and for countless suggestions of ways to brighten the home-life of our pupils.

There has been very little sickness in Myrtle Hall during the year. La grippe visited us lightly. To only one was it necessary to call a physician; a fact that speaks for itself in regard to sanitary regulations. The number of pupils has been larger than usual, making it necessary, by the second week in January, to give up the packing-room and guest chamber to accommodate them. Fortunately, the new cottages in town were equal to the overflow, so that no applicant was refused admission for want of room. The aid given by Mrs. Boothby in sewing classes, Sunday-school, and church work, was most timely.

Since the Conference, we have a feeling that our work is spread out before our friends, and that they understand our position as never before. We have been doing "here a little,

and there a little," "knowing not which shall prosper, either this or that ;" but trusting "that both shall be alike good."

Miss Franklin writes :—

Our progress, I believe, is not behind that of other years. The system of club-boarding suggested by Mrs. Brewster has been adopted both by young men and women with marked success and satisfaction. Outside of the regular school work the majority of the pupils have taken an active interest in the religious meetings and literary societies, thus giving promise of much usefulness in the time to come.

The Industrial work, now well under way, we hope will add much to our future well-being. Multiply your prayers that we may be strengthened to do our whole duty in the important work in which we are engaged.

A RE-INFORCEMENT.

It is a matter for gratitude that our little band of workers at Midnapore are soon to have a much-needed re-inforcement. Miss Mary Bachelier, who completed her medical course the past season, is now on her way to join her parents and friends in her old Indian home. Bright promises of usefulness are before Miss Mary. To that hopefulness, perseverance, and energy, joined to an ardent love for her work, which made her so successful in former years, is added the medical knowledge so important in the sphere to which she has devoted herself. We confidently predict for her a future rich in what makes life most precious—earnest, successful toil in the Master's service.

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

It will be noticed that in one of the above reports is a reference to the recent fall in exchange, which is sensibly affecting the funds of the missionaries. Unless the appropriations to the Foreign work be largely increased, that work must be greatly reduced.

It has been truly said that "never has our treasurer been obliged to call a retreat because of a deficit in the treasury."

God forbid that this necessity should ever be laid upon her ; but the question is,—and is it not a question for each member of the Woman's Society to answer?—How can this be avoided? How can our treasury at this crisis be replenished?

Two cents per week, or one dollar a year, constitutes membership in this society. Suppose, the coming year, each member take an advanced step and, instead of paying the two cents per week as heretofore, increase this amount to four. Should this plan be adopted, what would it mean to individual members? To some, perchance, a little more close calculation, a little careful studying of ways and means, but to the majority, not the relinquishment of a *single comfort*.

What would be its significance to the workers abroad? Relief from the crushing anxiety that the fear of being obliged to cut down work, discharge teachers, and thus render well-nigh futile the labors of the past, must bring renewed hopefulness and courage for the present, and glad hopes for the future.

Would it not *pay*?

MRS. J. A. LOWELL.

REPORTS OF HOME SECRETARIES.

[*Mrs. Bessie D. Peckham, for New England.*]

Another swiftly passing year has brought us to our seventeenth anniversary. Gratefully acknowledging the continued blessings which God so bountifully bestows upon us, we seek to review the work of the year, that we may increase our efforts to establish his kingdom in the world.

Our reports indicate advanced work, and many zealous workers send words of encouragement, but we have to confess that some of the reports are incomplete, and fail to do justice to the work already being done. Is it too much to ask that all the secretaries of our Auxiliaries faithfully report their work? To accomplish the best results we must have knowledge of our work and its needs. Our MISSIONARY HELPER furnishes such needed information, and richly deserves and needs a more liberal patronage. The publisher of our magazine well says: "We urge as the one great need of the HELPER a larger place in the hearts and homes of Free Baptists."

Miss Anthony reports the Bureau of Exchange as having accomplished a good and needed work. From Nova Scotia to far away Washington calls for help to the Bureau have been responded to with gratifying results. "The costumed exercises and curios representing heathen countries and customs are eagerly sought, and these object-lessons meet an especial demand of the times." She adds: "We look forward to larger attainments and believe we have ground for this hope."

MAINE.

MAINE WESTERN YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. A. B. WEBBER, N. BERWICK, ME.; SECRETARY, MRS. J. D. WALDRON, SPRINGVALE, ME.

| Quarterly Meetings. | Q. M. Secretaries. | No. of Churches. | No. of Auxiliaries. | No. of Bands. | No. of Members of Auxiliaries. | No. of Members of Bands. | No. of Helpers taken. | Amount Raised. |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Cumberland,... | Mrs. L. S. Bean, So. Windham | 26 | 8 | .... | 144 | 165 | 94 | \$149.73 |
| Otisfield | Mrs. E. H. Abbott, Otisfield | 12 | 5 | 2 | 56 | 47 | 20 | 100.55 |
| Parsonfield | Mrs. J. H. Brown, Limerick | 14 | 6 | 1 | 65 | ..... | 40 | *42.50 |
| York County... | Mrs. A. B. Webber, N. Berwick..... | 14 | 10 | 5 | 171 | 72 | 71 | 244.99 |
| | Total | 66 | 29 | 8 | 436 | 284 | 225 | \$537.77 |

* From HELPER.

PENOBSCOT YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. C. HARDING, ELLSWORTH, ME.; SECRETARY, MRS. A. G. HILL, DOVER, ME.

| Quarterly Meetings. | Q. M. Secretaries. | No. of Churches. | No. of Auxiliaries. | No. of Bands. | No. of Members of Auxiliaries. | No. of Members of Bands. | No. of Helpers taken. | Amount Raised. |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Aroostook..... | ..... | 10 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | \$76.80 |
| Ellsworth ..... | ..... | 18 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 33.04 |
| Exeter..... | Mrs. E. L. Tasker, Corninna..... | 19 | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 108.56 |
| Houlton. .... | ..... | 13 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 28.19 |
| Montville. .... | ..... | 11 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 5.00 |
| Prospect and Unity..... | ..... | 12 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Sebec..... | Mrs. F. E. Freese, Atkinson..... | 14 | 4 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | 112.16 |
| Springfield..... | Y. M. Collection... | 5 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 10.50 |
| | Total | 102 | 14 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | \$374.2 |

No official report could be obtained from the Maine Central Yearly Meeting. Believing that our work so far as known should be included in this report, we have gleaned, mainly from the HELPER, the following items.

MAINE CENTRAL YEARLY MEETING.

| Quarterly Meetings. | Q. M. Secretaries. | No. of Churches. | No. of Auxiliaries. | No. of Bands. | No. of Members of Auxiliaries. | No. of Members of Bands. | No. of Helpers taken. | Amount Raised. |
|---------------------|--|------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Anson..... | | 18 | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | \$6.75 |
| Bowdoin..... | | 32 | 10 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 234.25 |
| Edgecomb.... | Rep'd by Mrs. A. K. Oliver, Georgetown Aux.. | 10 | 1 | ..... | 13 | ..... | 6 | 20.00 |
| Farmington... | | 21 | 5 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 71.60 |
| Waterville.... | | 12 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Total | | 93 | 17 | ..... | 13 | ..... | 6 | \$332.60 |

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

NEW HAMPSHIRE YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. G. C. WATERMAN, LITTLETON, N. H.; SECRETARY, MRS. MINNIE B. HUNT, DANVILLE, N. H.

| Quarterly Meetings. | Q. M. Secretaries. | No. of Churches. | No. of Auxiliaries. | No. of Bands. | No. of Members of Auxiliaries. | No. of Members of Bands. | No. of Helpers taken. | Amount Raised. |
|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Belknap | Mrs. W. H. Getchell..... | 15 | 5 | ..... | 75 | ..... | 55 | \$154.69 |
| Lisbon..... | Mrs. M. B. Dodge..... | 28 | 2 | 1 | 40 | 15 | 18 | 48.00 |
| Merrimack Valley Asso. | Rev. F. C. Bradeen..... | 10 | 3 | ..... | 96 | ..... | 19 | 45.00 |
| New Durham. | Miss Luella Crockett.... | 20 | 7 | ..... | 138 | ..... | 48 | 132.00 |
| Rockingham.. | Minnie B. Hunt..... | 9 | 8 | 4 | 162 | 124 | 118 | 345.60 |
| Sandwich..... | Mrs. E. C. Blake..... | 18 | 4 | 5 | 58 | 46 | 59 | 171.92 |
| Wentworth. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Wolfboro.... | Julia F. Pray..... | 12 | 1 | ..... | 38 | ..... | 9 | 40.01 |
| Total ..... | ..... | 92 | 30 | 10 | 607 | 185 | 326 | \$937.22 |

VERMONT.

VERMONT YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. CHESTER DICKEY, WASHINGTON, VT.; SECRETARY, MRS. A. H. STAPLES, MOE'S RIVER, P. Q.

| Quarterly Meetings. | Q. M. Secretaries. | No. of Churches. | No. of Auxiliaries. | No. of Bands. | No. of Members of Auxiliaries. | No. of Members of Bands. | No. of Helpers taken. | Amount Raised. |
|---------------------|--|------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Corinth | Mrs. C. Dickey, Washington..... | 7 | 5 | 1 | 35 | 6 | .... | \$48.77 |
| Enosburg..... | Mrs. J. W. Burgin, Enosburg Falls | 5 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 25.00 |
| Huntington... | Mrs. G. B. Clifford, Starksboro, Vt. | 12 | q. m. | .... | 40 | .... | 10 | 44.56 |
| Stanstead. | Mrs. A. H. Staples, Moe's River, P. Q. | 3 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 51.52 |
| Strafford..... | Mrs. J. S. Barrett, South Strafford..... | 3 | 2 | .... | 25 | .... | 18 | 40.65 |
| Wheelock..... | Mrs. G. M. Prescott, Lyndon Center, Vt. | 17 | 5 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | 105.29 |
| Total | | 47 | 14 | 4 | 100 | 6 | 28 | \$315.79 |

MASSACHUSETTS.

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION.—PRESIDENT, MRS. THOMAS MARTIN, CHELSEA, MASS.; SECRETARY, MRS. A. A. HOWARD, LOWELL, MASS.

No official report received.

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|--|----------|
| Number of churches in Association..... | 14 |
| Number of Auxiliaries..... | 5 |
| Number of Bands..... | 2 |
| Number of Helpers taken..... | 147 |
| Amount raised..... | \$157.90 |

RHODE ISLAND.

RHODE ISLAND ASSOCIATION.—PRESIDENT, MRS. ELLA H. ANDREWS, PROVIDENCE, R. I.; SECRETARY, MRS. C. W. GRIFFIN, SOUTH MILFORD, MASS.

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|--|-----------|
| Number of churches in Association..... | 27 |
| Number of Auxiliaries..... | 11 |
| Number of Bands..... | 11 |
| Number of members of Auxiliaries..... | 350 |
| Number of members of Bands..... | 121 |
| Number of Helpers taken..... | 291 |
| Amount raised..... | \$1104.23 |

The secretary says: Of the 11 bands reported, 5 have failed to give the number of members; also the number of HELPERS as given is but a partial report.

The secretary of the Rhode Island Association says: "The society has broadened its work by a revision of the constitution. While it was planned to raise \$900 and if possible increase it to \$1,000, to God be all the praise, we have gone even beyond that, for the amount raised this year is \$1,104.23. Also a thank offering service was inaugurated which brought into the treasury \$95. In fact, we feel we have had a successful year, and we are encouraged to still greater work, knowing that faithful work will bring its reward."

Total for New England: Number of churches, 441; number of Auxiliaries, 120; number of bands, 36; number of members of Auxiliaries, 1,524; number of members of bands, 596; number of MISSIONARY HELPERS taken, 1,023; amount raised, \$3,759.76.

[*Mrs. M. A. W. Bachelder, for West and South.*]

INDIANA.

LAGRANGE QUARTERLY MEETING. — PRESIDENT, MRS. SOLOMON RITTER, HAWPATCH, IND.; SECRETARY AND TREASURER, MRS. ANN ATWATER, LAGRANGE, LAGRANGE CO., IND.

| | |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Number of churches | 5 |
| Number of Auxiliaries..... | 5 |
| Number of members..... | 55 |
| Number of Helpers taken..... | 14 |
| Amount raised..... | \$85.42 |

Although no society has been formed in connection with the State Association some of the churches and the Lagrange Quarterly Meeting are doing good work. It is expected that Rev. Ada Kennan will soon visit this State under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society. The Wolf Lake church sends an excellent report of work during the three months since it was organized.

ILLINOIS.

ILLINOIS YEARLY MEETING. — PRESIDENT, MRS. H. T. ST. CLAIRE, TROY GROVE, ILL.; SECRETARY, MISS MARY S. SIVERTON, PALOMA, ILL.; TREASURER, MRS. JOHN ALLEN, NEW PHILADELPHIA, ILL.

| | |
|---|----------|
| Fox River, Kingston, and Elburn churches..... | \$207.86 |
| Prairie City, Miss Lizzie Ingheam, Secretary..... | 10.00 |
| Total amount raised..... | \$217.86 |

Adverse circumstances have hindered the work in the Hancock and Quincy Quarterly Meeting this year, but Mrs. St. Claire, the president of the Yearly Meeting society, writes: "Sister Reeves is doing a good work in organizing. I believe that next year we shall have fuller reports." Mrs. Reeves has also been visiting other parts of the State, with gratifying results. She writes: "The Auxiliaries organized in Central Illinois are working like beavers; one sister said to me, 'We women never thought we could have a work to do, and are so glad you came to help us.'" Next year reports will be expected from these societies so gladly welcomed to our ranks. Rev. Ada Kennan was in the Illinois Yearly Meeting from May 27 to June 13. During this time she gave six addresses and organized two Auxiliaries.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. HATTIE GORDON, CAMPBELL HILL, ILL.; SECRETARY, MISS MARY RICE, TAMAROA, ILL.; TREASURER, MRS. HATTIE DAMRON, SATO, ILL. MAKANDA Q. M., MRS. I. MILLER, SECRETAY.

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|--|----------|
| Number of churches..... | 30 |
| Number of Auxiliaries..... | 23 |
| Number of members of Auxiliaries... .. | 315 |
| Number of Helpers taken..... | 5 |
| Amount raised..... | \$120.00 |

IOWA.

IOWA YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. THERA B. TRUE, EDGEWOOD, CLAYTON CO., IA.; SECRETARY, MISS M. V. TOOTHAKER, GLENDALE, JEFFERSON CO.; TREASURER, MRS. C. W. DENNIS, JANESVILLE, MINN.

| Quarterly Meetings. | Q. M. Secretaries. | No. of Churches. | No. of Auxiliaries. | No. of Bands. | No. of Members of Auxiliaries. | No. of Members of Bands. | No. of Helpers taken. | Amount Raised. |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Delaware and Clayton..... | Mrs. Thera B. True..... | 10 | 4 | 1 | 40 | 9 | 13 | \$47.06 |
| Little Sioux Valley..... | Miss Lizzie M. Stebbins. | 5 | 5 | ... | 93 | ... | 10 | 325.50 |
| Van Buren..... | Miss Ella Chamberlin... | 4 | ... | 1 | 27 | 14 | 14 | 150.00 |
| Cedar Valley.. | Mrs. N. B. Willson..... | 10 | ... | ... | 134 | ... | 19 | 260.00 |
| Waterloo..... | Mrs. E. J. Merritt..... | 6 | 3 | 1 | 50 | 10 | 9 | 75.04 |
| Wapsipinicon | Mrs. Mary Cattell..... | 8 | 5 | ... | 57 | ... | 5 | 47.86 |
| Ringgold Co.. | ..... | 2 | 1 | ... | 23 | ... | ... | 14.80 |
| | Yearly Meeting collection | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7.36 |
| | Total..... | 45 | 20 | 3 | 424 | 33 | 70 | \$927.62 |

"The Ringgold Co. Quarterly Meeting has just been organized and will soon have a Woman's Missionary Society. Our women are working, learning, and praying; the work goes better every year." The Iowa women have lately adopted Mrs. Miner as their special care.

KANSAS.

NORTHERN KANSAS YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. N. L. ABBEY, HALF WAY, KAN.; SECRETARY, MRS. N. A. SPAULDING, HADDAM, KAN.; TREASURER, MRS. LUCY E. COX, HORTON, KAN.

| Quarterly Meetings. | Q. M. Secretaries. | No. of Churches. | No. of Auxiliaries. | No. of Bands. | No. of Members of Auxiliaries. | No. of Members of Bands. | No. of Helpers taken. | Amount Raised. |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Cloud and Republic..... | Mrs. L. M. Wallace..... | 5 | 3 | .... | 62 | .... | 2 | \$117.39 |
| Washington.. | Mrs. Mary Welch | 2 | 1 | .... | 7 | .... | 3 | 24.96 |
| Salem | Mrs. S. P. Beiden. .... | .... | 1 | .... | 18 | .... | 4 | 38.60 |
| Blue Valley... | ..... | 3 | | | | | | |
| | Total | 12 | 5 | .... | 87 | .... | 9 | \$180.95 |

An Auxiliary has been organized in the Blue Valley Quarterly Meeting. Twenty dollars have been sent for Foreign Missions.

No report from Southern Kansas Yearly Meeting. Shall we not hear next year?

MINNESOTA.

MINNESOTA YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. H. C. KEITH, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.; SECRETARY, MRS. H. M. McELROY, MONEY CREEK, MINN.; TREASURER, MRS. H. M. McELROY, MONEY CREEK, MINN.

| Quarterly Meetings. | Q. M. Secretaries. | No. of Churches. | No. of Auxiliaries. | No. of Bands. | No. of Members of Auxiliaries. | No. of Members of Bands. | No. of Helpers taken. | Amount Raised. |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Hennepin..... | Miss Cora L. Bates..... | 13 | 11 | 2 | 135 | 40 | 58 | \$493.20 |
| Winnebago.. | Mrs. C. W. Dennis..... | 14 | 12 | .... | 200 | .... | 50 | 678.39 |
| Winona and Houston | Mrs. A. B. Quinby | 3 | 4 | 1 | 62 | 44 | 18 | 201.48 |
| St. Croix, Wis. | Miss Sarah Longsdale... | 8 | 4 | .... | 60 | .... | .... | 10.48 |
| Root River ... | Mrs. C. W. Crain..... | 3 | 2 | .... | 20 | .... | .... | .... |
| | No report. | | | | | | | |
| | Contribution at Y. M. W. M. S..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 7.50 |
| | Total | 41 | 33 | 3 | 47 | 84 | 126 | \$1437.32 |

"Through Him that strengtheneth us, we will try to take hold of this important work for the Master. Then shall our motto, 'If ye love me, keep my commandments,' be more fully obeyed."

NEBRASKA.

SOUTHERN NEBRASKA YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MISS LUCY DODGE, SALEM, NEB.; SECRETARY, MISS DELLA ROOT, WEEPING WATER.

| Quarterly Meetings. | Q. M. Secretaries. | No. of Churches. | No. of Auxiliaries. | No. of Bands. | No. of Members of Auxiliaries. | No. of Members of Bands. | No. of Helpers taken. | Amount Raised. |
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| Nemaha. | | | | | | | | |
| Lincoln..... | Mrs. T. O. Root. | | | | | | | |
| Centerville. ... | Mrs. E. F. Gibson. | | | | | | | |
| Grand View... | Mrs. J. J. Murphy. | | | | | | | |
| Long Branch.. | Mrs. Vanlarmingham.... | 4 | 1 | 68 | 25 | 17 | | \$235.72 |
| Hastings..... | Miss Mary Loghy..... | 6 | .... | 50 | ..... | 3 | | 60.00 |
| | Total | 10 | 1 | 118 | 25 | 20 | | \$295.72 |

The secretary is disappointed in not being able to give a fuller report.

WISCONSIN.

WISCONSIN YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. A. L. HULSE, BOX 56, WHITEWATER, WIS.; TREASURER AND SECRETARY, MRS. W. K. JACKSON, FAIRWATER, WIS.; TREASURER OF THE CHILDREN FUND, L. HULSE, WHITEWATER, WIS.

| Quarterly Meetings. | Q. M. Secretaries. | No. of Churches. | No. of Auxiliaries. | No. of Bands. | No. of Members of Auxiliaries. | No. of Members of Bands. | No. of Helpers taken. | Amount Raised. |
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| Fond du Lac.. | Mrs. M. L. Lussenden... | 3 | 3 | | 20 | | | \$116.68 |
| Honey Creek.. | Mrs. F. Rose..... | 4 | | | | | | 112.91 |
| Rock & Dane. | Miss Carrie Johnson..... | 3 | | | | | | 314.60 |
| Waupun | Mrs. W. K. Jackson..... | 6 | .... | 118 | .... | .... | .... | 233.71 |
| | Total | 3 | 16 | .... | 138 | ..... | .... | \$783.90 |

These societies pay their money through the Parent Board. The secretary writes: "The churches where there is no Aux-

iliary do just as much as the Auxiliaries can raise." At Winneconne, the society is Auxiliary to the Woman's Society. During the past year, it has raised \$44.00. Of this \$32.00 have been given to Foreign Missions, \$12.00 to Home Missions. The Mission Band raised \$36.00, \$10.00 for Foreign, \$26.00 for Home Missions. Each has followed a regular programme of study during the year. Each has a concert once a quarter.

Mrs. M. J. Reeves has organized 35 Auxiliaries and 2 Quarterly Meeting Societies, besides visiting 28 societies. She has held 41 women's meetings, given 190 addresses, traveled 7,460 miles, and worked 234 days. The spirit with which our sister has been received in places, where no missionary work was being done shows that hearts and hands are ready, when understanding is ripe. "How shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent?" In one letter she says, "I have addressed crowded houses every evening but one for seven weeks, have given two and three addresses every Sunday, and twice and three times a week in the afternoon. Every other day have ridden from five to ten miles, sometimes farther, in an open buggy, cart, or lumber wagon." Rev. Lucy Dodge has visited churches in Kansas and Nebraska. We failed to receive *special* report of this, During the year your secretary has written nearly two hundred letters and postal cards in regard to this work. It is encouraging that replies come more readily and evince more interest than ever before. Another hopeful feature is that many letters come from people hitherto unknown, asking for information.

The Western branch of the Woman's Missionary Society met at Elburn, Ill., October 1 and 2. Time was found between the sessions of the general meetings to make many plans, which it is hoped will be fruitful in results. Its officers for the coming year are: President, Mrs. A. A. McKenney, Winneconne, Wis.; vice-presidents, the presidents of the Yearly Meeting societies; recording secretary, Mrs. Ruth Keith, Minneapolis, Minn.; corresponding secretary, Mrs. M. A. W. Bachelder, Hillsdale,

Mich. ; and an executive committee composed of the presidents of the Yearly Meetings and the general officers. A general agent for the MISSIONARY HELPER was appointed in each State, and an organizer of children's bands. The delegation was not large, but enthusiastic and in earnest. Many prayers were offered for success.

The "signs of the times" give us courage and strength to advance. Two steps in this direction should be specially mentioned—fuller reports, and better patronage of the MISSIONARY HELPER. The field seems limitless. With one's eyes open to it all the burden would be overwhelming were it not for the promise, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go. I will guide thee with mine eye."

REPORT OF WESTERN COMMITTEE.

As we present our annual report and close another year of missionary work in the West, we are not unmindful of the loving care that has been over us and the blessing that has rested on our efforts. As we stand upon the threshold of a new year of work, we would pause a moment to glance backward and thank God for the life and strength given us, for the grand opportunities presented to us, and for the workers he has raised up during the year.

During the eight years' work of the Western Committee the greatest hindrance to the cause has been the few laborers we have had in so great a field. But the year past has been blessed with more workers than in any other year. For many years it has been the desire of our hearts to find one earnest, capable woman in each State to look after the work in her State, thus saving the expense of traveling from one State to another.

We have not fully realized all we desire in this, but we have had valuable service from five devoted sisters during the past year, and one of these has been in the field nearly all the time.

Three of these have had clergymen's permits, which has

made expenses much less. Eight different States have been visited during the year, organizations perfected, weak societies encouraged, and many indifferent hearts awakened to a sense of their duty and privileges. We feel that a good measure of success has rewarded the efforts that have been put forth.

Amid the many discouragements we meet in the West we find here and there encouraging features that make our hearts rejoice. We appreciate the kind help given us by our sisters in the East, and feel that their deep interest in our work, their greater experience and willingness to communicate, their generosity and prayers, have been an inspiration to us in the work. Many times when the work seemed difficult and almost disheartening in those newer fields, the counsel of our devoted sisters has kindled new enthusiasm and brought success. This year has been one of much seed sowing, which we trust will gladden our hearts in the future by bringing forth results that more than repay all our efforts.

The appropriation this year has been entirely used in creating a deeper missionary spirit, except the one hundred dollars given to the church at Lincoln, Neb., and a small sum to No. Nebraska. We have had other calls from weak churches, but knowing for what purpose this money was appropriated, we could not feel justified in using it for other purposes, when women could be found ready to respond to the calls coming from all directions to come and explain the work so it could be carried on successfully.

Indiana has been visited by Mrs. Ada Kennan, who organized a Y. M. W. M. S. and also made arrangements with the ministers to hold Q. M. sessions during the fall.

Illinois has been visited by Mrs. Kennan and Mrs. Reeves. A good work has been done in the State in the interest of missions, which we trust will prove effectual in awakening our sisters there. Mrs. Reeves visited 35 churches in this State, and organized 19 societies, and is still at work. Mrs. Kennan visited six churches, and did considerable personal work.

Michigan was highly favored by a visit from Miss DeMeritte, who visited two Y. M's, two Q. M's, and nine churches, besides meeting the women and giving them many informal talks.

We deeply regret that other States in the West could not be benefited by her presence and earnest words.

Minnesota has received some help from our organizers. Mrs. Reeves has visited 8 churches, and Mrs. McElroy visited the Root River Q. M. and re-organized the Q. M. W. M. S. and one Auxiliary; and one of your committee met with the Auxiliary at Winona, and also organized a Mission Band of young people and children there, which is now active in good works.

Iowa also has had its share of work this year. Mrs. Reeves has visited 21 churches, and we feel that Iowa is second only to Minnesota in the mission cause in the West. The Iowa sisters have taken Mrs. Miner to support, and we trust this will create a greater zeal in the hearts of the women by an increase of knowledge obtained through their representative in India, and also prove an incentive to their brothers in the support of Mr. Miner.

Dakota has three churches and two W. M. S's, which are Auxiliary to Minnesota Y. M. Rev. J. J. Hull of Sioux Falls writes that these Auxiliaries are active and doing good work.

In *Nebraska* the mission cause is growing slowly. Your committee has been in correspondence with three of its pastors, Rev. S. F. Smith, Rev. O. E. Baker, and Rev. J. C. Dazey.

Brother Smith of Long Pine informed us the work is fairly prosperous in No. Nebraska. Brother Baker of Lincoln writes that "the prospects are better by much than he has seen them before." The Auxiliary and Mission Band there are doing what they can to advance the cause. Brother Dazey, who is pastor of Geneva church (which is but two years old and has the largest membership in the State, numbering 137 members), writes words of commendation of the W. M. S. there. Rev. Lucy Dodge, who has been engaged in evangelistic work in Nebraska and Kansas, has given 29 days' work in the interest of

missions. She says that some of the Auxiliaries have been doing noble work the past year, and others are awaking to the importance of mission work, and adds, "So in the signs of the times we read good cheer, and thanking God take courage."

Kansas has also received some help this year, but not as much as your committee wished and planned for. Miss Dodge has visited some of the churches, but with sickness and death in her family, together with the partial loss of her voice, the work suffered. We tried to send one of the other workers there, but did not succeed in this. Amid the sad circumstances, however, our hearts were made glad by the faithful service rendered by the Yearly Meeting president, Mrs. N. L. Abbey, who has organized a few Auxiliaries and visited others. Feeling deep interest, "she has done what she could," and good results are growing therefrom. She writes of five Auxiliaries that raised \$200, of which one-tenth was given to Foreign Missions. The great need in Nebraska and Kansas is more workers and more means.

Missouri has been remembered in our work the past year, 12 of its churches were visited by Mrs. Reeves. She reports a growing interest in the cause of missions there, that the seed sown the preceding year is bearing fruit.

Missouri presents a wide field of labor. We have not mentioned other States, for the reason that we have done no work in them. May all the seed sown throughout the West bear fruit to the glory of God and for the advancement of his cause in *this our home land*, until every place shall know the Lord, and every heart have a spirit of missions.

As we close this eighth year of work, the question arises, "What have these years accomplished for us in the mission cause in the West?" Let us look back and see; eight years ago we had but few missionary societies, and these were separated by great distances, without any plan for letting each other know what they were doing.

By sending ladies to talk on missions and organize societies, we have created an interest that has greatly increased our societies and given us a much larger membership and many active workers. We now have a W. M. S. in every State where we have church organizations, and in nearly every church in the State. Our women have been brought into a mutual acquaintance and fellowship with each other, and, instead of feeling isolated as formerly, are now interested in each other's work, and feelings of sympathy and friendliness have been aroused.

Best of all, these years of work have given us more knowledge of human hearts and needs, more self-denial in giving of our means to advance the cause, more willingness to give thought, time, and strength, more purpose and prayer for the spread of Christ's kingdom in our own and foreign lands.

But as much as has been done, much more remains to be done. New fields are appearing every year, and newly awakened hearts are calling for help all the time. We cannot fold our hands and sit at ease in this great field, where new responsibilities are almost daily added to the old ones. Our opportunities for doing good are constantly increasing. And if any one has reason to work for the good of others, it is the women of to-day and in this enlightened land. Christianity has done so much for woman that she cannot afford to remain idle when there is work to do for her loving Saviour. And it is a comfort to know that Christ is especially pleased with those who try to work for him when the work is hard and the laborers few. Only a few years are given us in which to work; let us improve them and press forward, hoping greater good may be accomplished, and grander results recorded at the close of another year.

MRS. A. A. MCKENNEY.

THE MISSIONARY HELPER.

REPORT OF THE PUBLISHER.

A report of the agent's work in connection with the MISSIONARY HELPER leads to a consideration of the mechanical work, the circulation, and the financial condition and outlook. The printing and mailing are still done at our denominational publishing house in Boston.

With the commencement of Volume 12 a change was made in the cover, which has been well received.

The need of an enlarged circulation has been urged through the magazine and by the reports of the editor, the agent, and the publication committee.

The response, instead of being what was desired, has been a decrease in the number of subscribers.

It is a well-established fact that many give support to an enterprise from sentiment rather than principle, and the result is that after a time their support is withdrawn, although there may be great need of its continuance.

Our denominational enterprise should be sustained from principle. Our schools and colleges, our benevolent enterprises, and our publications are by right entitled to first claim on us as a people. As a matter of fact, if we were *united* in sustaining each of our various lines of work, we have not more than could be well cared for. Do we feel that loyalty to our own that we ought?

We have a very poor opinion of a parent who neglects his own family, to care for his neighbor's children. Yet are we not practicing the same inconsistency while we withhold the annual subscription of the HELPER that we may aid other causes?

We do not plead for support as a charity. We purpose to give the worth of the money in good, sound, healthful reading.

The vast amount of reading matter that is offered to the public, in the form of daily, weekly, and monthly publications, many of high order, and containing the best thought of the age, and at surprisingly low prices, makes literary competition out of the question for a periodical like the *MISSIONARY HELPER*. We lay no claim to literary merit as compared with many of the publications of the day. We do not compete with any, but simply aim to set forth the work of our society, to act as the organ of the Woman's Missionary Society in diffusing general missionary intelligence, and in setting forth the special work of Free Baptist women. We bid Godspeed to the grand undenominational missionary periodicals, yet we believe that our magazine is a necessity to the best prosecution of our work, and hence has a claim upon our constituency for liberal support.

We would here urge the more thorough application of the principle of doing right, because it is right, and certainly it is right to sustain as useful a helper of our work as this magazine has proved to be.

The *public* agitation of the question of the union of the Woman's Missionary Society with the other Benevolent Societies of our denomination, has had an unfavorable effect on the progressive work of the Woman's Society, as many have been led to feel that the society was soon to lose its identity by union with the other older and stronger societies.

Is it not more than probable that the *MISSIONARY HELPER* has suffered in common with other lines of work?

The income from our present subscription list is not sufficient to meet the current expenses of the magazine, and the outlook is that we shall be at least \$100 in arrears at the close of the present volume, December, 1890.

Our finances are carefully managed and expenses kept as low as is consistent with the requirements of the magazine.

We see no opportunity for reducing expenses, but we do see ample opportunity for increasing our income, if our people are

but faithful to the support of our own. On this ground, then, that the MISSIONARY HELPER is a necessity to the largest success of Free Baptist women, in each and all of their enterprises, and in view of the fact that it is our only denominational missionary periodical, and in consideration of the financial needs present and prospective, a most urgent appeal is made to all friends of the cause we represent, that some action be taken at this meeting, looking toward a largely increased circulation of our magazine. We are told by Editor Sherwood in an article in the *Missionary Review* in August, 1889, that "with few exceptions the boards and denominational journals are a tax on missionary receipts, in the aggregate a large tax, they do not pay the cost of production." This statement indicates that there is something radically wrong. If our periodicals are needed, and are doing a work that otherwise must remain undone, then a hearty support should be given by our membership.

We need fully 1,000 new names added to our subscription list before January 1, in order to fill the places of those who will discontinue, and to enlarge the income to the point of meeting necessary expenses. Looking toward the practical accomplishment of this end, we suggest that a basis be established, assigning to each Y. M. the number of copies of the HELPER that should be taken therein based on the membership as reported in the *Register*. And that action be taken at this meeting, commending this plan to the pastors and lay men and women of the several Y. M's, and soliciting their co-operation.

ELLA H. ANDREWS, *Agent*.

REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE AND EXCHANGE.

Notwithstanding that with the summing up of each year's work we invariably realize that the attainments of the Bureau have fallen far below our hopes, yet, with each new year, we plan and hope anew with undiminished eagerness and courage. While much that we longed to do lies undone, and though sickness and unavoidable obstacles have interfered with some cherished aims, we yet believe that a good and needed work has been accomplished. From Nova Scotia to far away Washington Territory come earnest calls for help to the Bureau, and the seed has been sown in many fields whereby knowledge of the work and its needs has been disseminated, hands and hearts of the toilers have been strengthened, interest awakened, of which, in not a few instances, practical demonstration has been through heavier contribution boxes and fuller treasuries. The costumed-exercises and curios from India are eagerly sought, and these object-lessons meet an especial demand of the times. We look forward to larger usefulness, and believe we have grounds for this hope.

For the benefit of new societies we will re-state that the Bureau sends out a variety of material for use in missionary meetings, concerts, and entertainments, such as dialogues, poems, essays, Bible readings, songs (with music), exercises and stories for bands, and also costumed-exercises and curios from heathen countries. The Bureau addresses are always to be found in the *MISSIONARY HELPER*.

KATE J. ANTHONY, *Chairman*.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE F. B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1890.

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| To cash on hand Aug. 31, 1889 | | \$945 09 |
| " for Foreign Missions | \$738 96 | |
| " " schools, teachers, and Bible women at Midnapore. | 308 98 | |
| " " schools, teachers, and orphans at Balasore | 352 78 | |
| " " Chandbali | 29 50 | |
| " " Bhimpore. | 33 06 | |
| " " Mrs. D. F. Smith's salary | 309 75 | |
| " " Miss H. Phillips's salary | 400 00 | |
| " " Miss Coombs's salary. | 140 25 | |
| " " Miss Butts's salary | 189 62 | |
| " " Home Missions, including Western Work and Storer College. | 382 05 | |
| " " Mrs. Lightner's salary | 151 62 | |
| " " Miss Franklin's salary. | 400 00 | |
| " from interest on money loaned | 52 07 | |
| " " estate of Mrs. A. C. Mitchell for General Fund | 500 00 | |
| " " estate of Mrs. H. Hanson for General Fund | 1000 00 | |
| " for General Fund | 1355 33 | |
| " " outfit and passage of missionaries | 40 80 | |
| (Total receipts for yearly expenditures, \$6,384.77.) | | |
| To cash from estate of Mrs. H. Hanson, interest to be used for school in India | 500 00 | |
| " for working capital to be used only in case of an emergency | 100 00 | |
| " " use of invalid missionaries invested as a Sanitary Fund | 162 00 | |
| " " bullocks, etc. | 22 00 | |
| " " blinds, Myrtle Hall | 139 23 | |
| " " Storer College Library. | 9 33 | |
| " " Literature Fund. | 5 83 | |
| " " Incidental Fund. | 16 04 | |

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| To cash for Western work, special. | \$70 00 |
| (Total receipts for special appropriations, \$1,024.43.) | |
| Total receipts | \$7,409 20 |
| Total to account for | \$8,354 29 |

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| By cash for Mrs. D. F. Smith's salary | \$400 00 |
| " " Miss H. Phillips's salary | 400 00 |
| " " Miss L. Coombs's salary | 400 00 |
| " " Miss Butts's salary | 400 00 |
| " " Miss Butts on account. | 20 00 |
| " " Mrs. Smith's assistant | 150 00 |
| " " work at Balasore | 270 00 |
| " " Orphanage at Balasore. | 260 00 |
| " " children's day school and Bible woman at Balasore. | 50 00 |
| " " Bible woman's school at Balasore | 75 00 |
| " " zenana work at Balasore. | 145 00 |
| " " rent for Dr. Nellie Phillips | 100 00 |
| " " Chandbali | 75 00 |
| " " Jellasure | 62 00 |
| " " work in charge of Mrs. Stiles at Midnapore | 150 00 |
| " " Bible women and Ragged Schools at " | 375 00 |
| " " Bhimpore | 160 00 |
| " " rent for Miss Coombs and Miss Butts | 58 00 |
| " " repairs of Orphanage | 139 35 |
| " " outfit and passage of Miss Mary Bachelor | 525 00 |
| " " Mrs. Lightner's salary. | 400 00 |
| " " Miss C. Franklin's salary | 400 00 |
| " " work appropriations for Storer College | 400 00 |
| " " industrial department at Storer College | 150 00 |
| " " Southern department | 200 00 |
| " " Western department | 500 00 |
| " " Western department; balance due last year | 217 12 |
| " " printing reports. | 119 94 |
| (Total for yearly appropriations, \$6,601.41.) | |
| By cash for Western work, special. | 70 00 |
| " " investment of working capital | 100 00 |
| " " investment of Sanitary Fund | 162 00 |
| " " investment of Hanson Fund | 500 00 |
| " " blinds for Myrtle Hall. | 139 23 |
| " " loan to Missionary Reminiscences | 75 00 |
| " " bullock, etc. | 22 00 |

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| By cash for Storer College Library | \$9 33 |
| " " Literature Fund | 5 83 |
| " " Incidental Fund | 9 75 |
| (Total for special appropriations, \$1,093.14.) | |
| Total disbursements | \$7,694 55 |
| Cash on hand Aug. 31, 1890. | 659 74 |
| Total accounted for. | \$8,354 29 |

INVESTMENTS.

Working Capital:

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| Deposited in Strafford Co. Savings Bank. | 271 95 |
| Mortgage bond of B. C. Reynolds, known as the "Heb- bard Fund" | 500 00 |
| Mortgage bond of W. F. Pearson | 300 00 |
| Debenture bond of Kansas Investment Company. | 100 00 |
| Total working capital. | \$1,171 95 |

Sanitary Fund:

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| Deposited in Dover Five Cent Savings Bank | 162 00 |
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Hanson Fund:

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| Deposited with American Loan and Trust Co. for in- vestment. | 500 00 |
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Orphanage:

Located at Balasore, India, known as the Sinclair Orphanage.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and well vouched, and the investments the same as above stated.

MRS. E. B. CHAMBERLIN, *Auditor.*

Receipts from the following sources:—

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| Maine | \$1,246 38 |
| New Hampshire. | 1,076 01 |
| Rhode Island | 1,003 63 |
| Michigan | 515 55 |
| Minnesota. | 339 50 |
| Vermont | 277 23 |
| Massachusetts. | 235 10 |
| Iowa | 148 71 |
| Province of Quebec | 53 52 |
| Ohio | 45 50 |
| Nebraska | 42 70 |
| New York | 34 00 |

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| Kansas | \$30 79 |
| Illinois | 29 00 |
| Wisconsin | 28 50 |
| Indiana | 25 98 |
| South Dakota | 25 00 |
| West Virginia | 8 85 |
| California | 1 00 |
| Miscellaneous | 28 18 |
| Interest | 52 07 |
| Bequest by Mrs. Hanson | 1,500 00 |
| Bequest by Mrs. Mitchell | 500 00 |
| Sanitary Fund | 162 00 |
| Total receipts | \$7,409 20 |

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1891.

INDIA.

Midnapore.

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| Salary of Miss L. C. Coombs | \$400 00 |
| Miss L. C. Coombs for zenanas, Bible women, and Ragged Schools | 450 00 |
| Salary of Miss Ella F. Butts | 400 00 |
| Miss E. F. Butts for industrial department | 150 00 |
| Rent for Miss Coombs and Miss Butts | 100 00 |
| Salary of Miss Mary Bachelor | 400 00 |
| Salary of Mrs. M. C. Miner | 300 00 |

Bhimpore.

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| Mrs. E. B. Stiles | 160 00 |
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| Mrs. H. M. Bachelor for Hindu Schqol. | 62 00 |
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Balasore

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| Miss Nellie Phillips for zenanas and schools | 200 00 |
| Rent, Miss Nellie Phillips | 100 00 |
| Mrs. L. C. Griffin, Bible women's schools. | 75 00 |
| Salary of Mrs. D. F. Smith | 400 00 |
| Salary of assistant. | 150 00 |
| Mrs. Smith for Hanson school. | 25 00 |
| " " Orphanage | 356 00 |
| " " day school, Bible women, and repairs, \$25 each | 75 00 |

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| Bible woman | \$25 00 |
| Mrs. A. B. Boyer, schools. | 270 00 |
| <i>Chandbali.</i> | |
| Mrs. S. M. Ager | 75 00 |
| Salary of Miss Hattie Phillips (on furlough). | 400 00 |
| Total for India | <u>\$4,573 00</u> |
| <i>Harper's Ferry, W. Va.</i> | |
| Salary of Mrs. Lightner | 400 00 |
| Salary of Miss Coralie Franklin | 400 00 |
| Salary of Mrs. H. M. Boothby | 300 00 |
| Woman's department, Myrtle Hall | 400 00 |
| Total for Normal School. | <u>1,500 00</u> |
| Home Missions, West | <u>100 00</u> |
| | 100 00 |
| Total | <u>\$6,173 00</u> |

NOTE.—The appropriation for Bhimpore was made conditional on the action of the A. C. F. Society. We have since been informed that that society prefer to assume the entire support of Mrs. Stiles and her work, therefore only such sums as come into the treasury specially for this work will be appropriated to it.

A. B. TOURTELLOT, *Recording Secretary.*

HELPS FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS.

[Answers to be found in the reports in this number of the MISSIONARY HELPER.]

When and where was the meeting of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society held?

How many States were represented in the opening exercises?

Give the main points in the address.

Read the resolutions adopted.

What is the name of the new department?

What is the purpose sought to be attained by it? [Answer. The best development of woman and, as a result, a broader outlook and greater efficiency in all Christian work.]

Who was appointed as field agent to develop the department?

What will be the advantage of having a secretary of children's work?

Who is that secretary?

What proposal was made by Mrs. Porter in the interest of the MISSIONARY HELPER?

Will you help make it effective?

Who is the corresponding secretary of the W. M. S.

What is the first work which she reports?

Where is Miss Coombs located?

Tell her story of the work.

What about the zenana work?

Tell about the Girls' English School.

Where is Miss Butts located?

Tell about the Bible School.

What of interest about the Industrial School?

What difficulties in the way?

Where and what is Mrs. D. F. Smith's work?

Tell about children in the Orphanage.

Tell story of Katril.

- What of interest about Day School?
- Give facts about Industrial School.
- Give other items of interest in this report.
- Where is Dr. Nellie Phillips located?
- What change in methods made during the year?
- What perplexity connected with payment of fees?
- Relate other matters of interest.
- What is Mrs. Boyer's work?
- Tell what has been done this year.
- What has one teacher attempted?
- Where is Mrs. Griffin located?
- Give items of interest in her report.
- Describe the experiences of one persecuted woman.
- Give other interesting incidents.
- What items of note connected with the Bible work?
- Tell about Marium Curtis and others.
- Give items of interest from Mrs. Lightner's report of work at Harper's Ferry.
- Also from Miss Franklin's report.
- Tell of our cause for gratitude in Mary Bachelor's return.
- What important matter does Mrs. Lowell present in closing her report?
- Give a review of the work being done in the New England States as reported by Mrs. Peckham.
- Give a similar review of work in the West as reported by Mrs. Bachelor.
- [The report of the secretary of the Interior has not reached us.]
- Give the important points in the report of the publisher of the MISSIONARY HELPER.
- What is the Bureau of Missionary Intelligence?
- What does Miss Anthony report of its work?
- How can it be made to help the work of missions in your church?
- Name the officers of the society appointed for the ensuing year.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

All lovers of our missionary interests must rejoice that our field in India has such an earnest, devoted band of workers. All reports from the field show a consecration to the work and faithfulness to duty such as God always blesses. The Woman's Society has cause for much thankfulness that those sent out under its auspices have been without exception noble women and those whose labors God has blessed. The return of Dr. Mary Bachelier to the field is a source of especial hopefulness for added strength to the little band. As a young girl, Mary was a most efficient worker. The motive for her return to this country was to secure such educational advantages as would make her more useful. Several times the need for more workers has been so great that the Board has been tempted to urge Mary's immediate return, but wiser counsels have prevailed, and she has been encouraged not only to secure general educational training, but has added a complete course in medicine. One who has always been so faithful and who has lived thus far with the purpose to do her best for God and humanity, can but be a valuable acquisition to our corps of workers. What earthly scene can have in it more of the beautifully tender than the meeting of our young friend, freshly equipped for the service, with her aged parents, veterans in the work, whose lives have been spent in India! . . . Our Christian workers in different parts of the country are accepting the present situation of our treasury's needs in a brave, loyal spirit. As they see the need of more money, they seem to be willing to respond. From the West the message comes that "we will do all we can to increase our appropriations." Rhode Island W. M. S. in its recent annual meeting studied the situation very intelligently and very prayerfully and increased the yearly appropriations. Already the president of the New Hampshire Auxilliary has sent a circular letter to the local Auxiliaries and churches, calling for more money for the

salaries of Miss Butts and Mrs. Lightner. Maine women are hard at work with the intention of increasing the appropriations through their new State organization. One lady has given the society one hundred dollars; another has increased her gift without special solicitation and sent us thirty dollars; still another has sent thirty dollars without specifying how it came. All these things are very encouraging and make us feel there is to be a missionary revival all along the line. The treasurer will be glad to get as many such encouraging facts as possible. We wish the *HELPER* could be supplied with them every month. Such an increase of interest as we are commencing to see may yet make us very glad that the necessity was laid upon us to do more. There seems to be an awakening sense of the fact that any proposed consolidation of our benevolent work furnishes no reason for allowing any part of it to become weakened, but on the contrary is an incentive to make it as strong as possible. Suppose timbers that were being seasoned and then framed to become parts of a noble edifice, should say to themselves: "It matters little whether we are strong or cracked, solid or worm-eaten, because we are to lose ourselves in a great building." What would be the effect on the strength of the edifice? A word to the wise is sufficient. . . . To all who are interested in the work of the Field Agent elected at annual meeting, she wishes to say that circumstances connected with the sad event so kindly referred to by the Publisher in the last *HELPER*, will prevent her from entering upon her duties as soon as was expected. She hopes that she can begin the work in January. Pray, dear friends, that this waiting time may be one of especial blessing and fitting for the Master's work.

DEAR CHILDREN:—Some of you may be disappointed not to find your usual "Niche" in this number. But we are sure you will forgive the omission just this once, when we tell you that at the meeting in Brooklyn, which is reported in this num-

ber, there was so much interest felt in you that we appointed a bright young woman to be secretary of the children's work, and we are going to try to do more for you than ever before, Mrs. Mosher is one of the women who are always young and in sympathy with everything beautiful and good. We hope you will become well acquainted with her. We wish you a very "Merry Christmas" because of the gifts you may receive and give to others, and a very "Happy Christmas and New Year" because you have the dear Christ for your Saviour and friend.

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Constitution for Quarterly Meeting Societies.
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